

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 87

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 153

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 87—Relative to a Legislative Task Force on Peripheral Neuropathy.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 87, Hayashi. Legislative Task Force on Peripheral Neuropathy.

This measure would establish a Legislative Task Force on Peripheral Neuropathy, consisting of specified members, to suggest ways to promote public and physician awareness of peripheral neuropathy, promote understanding of the importance of early diagnosis and proper treatment and management, create programs to promote public and physician awareness of various treatments to improve patient care, determine how many people are affected by each type of peripheral neuropathy, and, on or before March 31, 2009, prepare a report to be submitted to the Legislature containing their suggestions.

WHEREAS, Peripheral neuropathy is a disorder that results from functional impairment or damage to nerves peripheral to the brain and spinal cord; and

WHEREAS, An estimated 20 million people in the United States suffer from peripheral neuropathy, which manifests itself in many forms, including acute motor paralysis, subacute sensorimotor paralysis, and chronic sensorimotor paralysis; and

WHEREAS, Peripheral neuropathy can result from various causes, including metabolic disease, viral and bacterial infection, physical injury, poisoning, malnutrition, and genetic disorder; and

WHEREAS, Clinical symptoms can indicate the existence of peripheral neuropathy, but precise diagnosis requires review and analysis of medical history, physical examination, medical testing, and exclusionary treatments; and

WHEREAS, Peripheral neuropathy is preventable only to the extent that the underlying cause is preventable, requiring an individual patient's alert awareness of bodily deficiency, illness, infection, or injury that can cause peripheral neuropathy, and an individual's willingness to seek early diagnosis and treatment; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring. That the Legislative Task Force on Peripheral Neuropathy is hereby established, which shall consist of 22 members, as follows:

(a) Four members shall be Members of the Assembly, appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.

(b) Four members shall be Senators, appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules.

(c) The Speaker of the Assembly shall appoint one representative from the Neuropathy Action Foundation, one representative from the American Diabetes Association, two members representing neuropathy patient leaders, two pharmaceutical representatives, and one member representing researchers from private universities in California.

(d) The Senate Committee on Rules shall appoint one representative from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, one representative from the National Institutes of Health, one representative from the Guillain-Barre Syndrome/Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy Foundation International, three members representing California physicians specializing in neuropathy, and one member representing researchers from private universities in California; and be it further

Resolved, That state funds shall not be used to support task force activities, but that the task force may solicit funding from private foundations, and make use of available private funds; and be it further

Resolved, That the task force shall suggest ways to promote public and physician awareness of peripheral neuropathy, promote understanding of the importance of early diagnosis and proper treatment and management, create programs to promote public and physician awareness of the use of intravenous immune globulin (IVIG) and other treatments to improve patient care, determine how many people are affected by each type of peripheral neuropathy, and, on or before March 31, 2009, prepare a report, to be submitted to the Legislature, containing its suggestions; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.